

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE
OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
D. C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20009
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IN THE MATTER OF

Freda J. Bonner
Former Treasurer
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
(ANC) 4D

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DATE: March 8, 2000

DOCKET NO.: PI 1999-101

ORDER

On February 1, 1999, the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) internally generated a preliminary investigation against Freda J. Bonner, P. O. Box 772, Lexington, South Carolina, 29072, former treasurer of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4D.1 OCF alleged that Ms. Bonner used ANC funds to pay members of her household for ANC-related duties, in violation of the conflict of interest statute at D. C. Code §1-1461 (1999 Repl. Vol.).2

In furtherance of this investigation, it became known that this matter was concurrently investigated by the U. S. Attorney's Office, because Ms. Bonner, inter alia, appeared to have received Social Security checks made payable to her husband after his death and to fraudulently endorse and deposit those checks into her account. As a result thereof, the U. S. Attorney's Office incorporated the OCF issues within its complaint against Ms. Bonner.

On January 28, 2000, Ms. Bonner signed a Plea Agreement with the U. S. Attorney, wherein it states that if Ms. Bonner fulfills all of her obligations thereunder, the U. S. Attorney agrees to bring no additional criminal charges against her for, inter alia, her misconduct relating to checks she wrote payable to family member during her tenure as treasurer of ANC 4D.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that this matter be dismissed.

1 This matter came to the attention of OCF through ANC 4D Funds Diverted to Deceased Husband of Former ANC 4D Treasurer issued on June 29, 1998, by the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor.

2 Ms. Bonner left the jurisdiction sometime in 1998 and had failed to respond to any OCF inquiries. As a result thereof, OCF sought and obtained from the Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE) an additional 90 days in which to complete its investigation in this matter, pursuant to D. C. Code §1-1432(c).

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